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TENBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.NAMES OF PARISHESCOUNCILLORS

BAYTON	E. Evans.
BOCKLETON	Miss M.H.Prescott.
EASTHAM	H. J. Spilsbury.
HANLEY	P. Kerby.
KNIGHTON-ON-TEME	J. Batley, J. E. Goper.
KYRE	H. Brookes
LINDRIDGE	J.C.Walker, Rev. W. Watson.
MAMBLE.	B. Davies.
PENSAX.	J. T. Young.
ROCHFORD.	W. G. Maund (Chairman)
STANFORD WITH ORLETON	W. Morris
STOCKTON	Rev. L. U. Smith.
STOKE BLISS	J. H. Dorrell
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TENBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To: The Chairman and Members of Tenbury Rural District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for the year 1958.

SECTION A.

Area in Acres	31,250
Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid 1958	5,410
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1958	1,715
Rateable Value	£36,844
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£145. 15. 5.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The district comprises fourteen parishes and except for the small market town of Tenbury it is entirely rural in character. Agriculture, including fruit and hop growing, is the chief industry of the rural area and provides work for most of the population. A large proportion of residents in the Town of Tenbury find work in factories bordering the town.

During the Autumn months the population is increased by fruit and hop pickers, mostly women and children, brought into the district and accommodated in special quarters on the farms. As more hop-picking machinery is installed there is a progressive decrease in this seasonal influx of workers from the Black Country.

There is a large number of farms and small holdings in the Area. The amount of unemployment varies very little.

VITAL STATISTICSLIVE BIRTHS

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>1957</u>
Legitimate	42	42	84	78
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	44	42	86	82

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population.

15.9 15.3

Birth Rate for England and Wales

16.4 16.1

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	2	0	2	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 (Live & still births)			22.7	12.2
Still birth rate for England & Wales			21.6	22.5

DEATHS

26 28 54 61

Crude death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population

10.0 11.4

Death rate for England & Wales

11.7 11.5

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Puerperal Sepsis			0	0
Other puerperal causes			0	0

INFANT MORTALITY

Under one year of age	1	0	1	3
" 4 weeks	1	0	1	3

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS

Under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births

11.6 36.6

Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales

22.5 23.1

TOTAL 1958

TOTAL 1957

Deaths from Cancer (All ages)

" " Measles " "	4	8	12	12
" " Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0
" " Diarrhoea	0	0	0	0

<u>REF. NO.</u>	<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
1.	Tuberculosis Respiratory	1	-
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	-
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	1
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	3
14.	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	1	4
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	4	5
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	5	5
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	1
20.	Other Heart Disease	5	2
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	-	2
23.	Pneumonia	-	1
24.	Bronchitis	2	1
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
32.	Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	1	2
34.	All Other Accidents	1	-
		<u>26</u>	<u>28</u>

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

In carrying out my duties as Medical Officer of Health for the Area, I have the assistance and co-operation of Mr. J. E. Parkinson who has been Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor and Waterworks Engineer of the Area since 1932. During the latter part of the year he has, unfortunately, been off duty with a serious heart affection. Mr. Weeks, his assistant, has carried on the work of the department.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Ambulance Service is the responsibility of the Worcester County Council "Local Health Authority". The ambulance is stationed at Tenbury.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The County Council laboratory at Worcester undertakes the examination of producer samples of food, milk and water. The remaining bacteriological and pathological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester Royal Infirmary.

HOSPITALS.

The Tenbury Hospital is quite close to the town, and though being in the parish of Burford, Shropshire, it receives cases chiefly from the town and district of Tenbury. It is very well equipped.

For infectious diseases the Worcester Isolation Hospital is chiefly used and Hayley Green Isolation Hospital is also available.

The Blakebrook Hospital at Kidderminster is also available and for maternity cases accommodation is provided in three maternity hospitals.

All hospitals are the responsibility of the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Dispensary and Sanatorium treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. The nearest hospital dispensaries are Kidderminster General Hospital and Worcester. There are sanatoria at Knightwick and St. Wulstans, Malvern.

The Local Health Authority is responsible for prevention and after-care and the administration is undertaken by the After-care sub-Committee of the Divisional Area Health Committee.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

Treatment and supervision is arranged at the nearest hospital centre i.e. Kidderminster General Hospital and Worcester Royal Infirmary.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

There are five District Nurses in the area (one of whom covers one Parish only) who also act as midwives and carry out the duties of Health Visitors. Their work is so apportioned as to cover the entire area.

The administration of these services is the responsibility of the Local Health Authority.

SECTION C.SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.WATER.

Samples of the supply to the town of Tenbury have been taken regularly and have proved satisfactory on Analysis. The quantity is variable and at times requires to be augmented from The Elan Aqueduct. As a safety precaution the Council authorised the installation of a drip feed chlorinating plant.

Tenders were invited and later accepted for the Rural Water Scheme - Part I. at a total cost of £111,000, the Ministry having offered an increased grant providing the Council proceed with Part II Scheme. Accordingly the Consulting Engineer was instructed by the Council to prepare tender documents for the second stage.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. Further exploratory work on the Sewage Scheme for the Town of Tenbury was undertaken by the Consulting Engineers with special attention directed to the possibility of including the Parish of Burford (Salop) with or without trade effluent from that parish.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The only serious pollution known to be occurring is that of the River Teme and Kyre Brook at Tenbury which receive untreated sewage from the town.

SCHOOLS

The sanitary improvements at Bayton School were completed early in the year. There are proposals to improve sanitary conditions at Lindridge School but this awaits the provision of the mains supply of water.

The Council accepted a fixed price tender for the water scheme for Highwood. This will enable the sanitary improvements to be carried out at Eastham School.

SECTION D.HOUSING.

No new Council houses were completed during the year.

The high rates of interest on loans to local authorities has slowed down the Council's building programme.

SECTION E.INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supply.

2. Meat and other Foods.

(See report of Public Health Inspector).

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred during the year.

SECTION F.PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.Notifications.

During the year I received Notifications of the following cases :-

	<u>CASES</u>	<u>ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.</u>	<u>DEATHS.</u>
Scarlet Fever	2	NIL	NIL
Measles	9	NIL	NIL
Pneumonia (Acute)	3	NIL	NIL

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The importance of immunisation against diphtheria in infancy and the need for a reinforcing dose on reaching school age has been, and continues to be explained to parents. Immunisation is carried out at each session in the Welfare Centre and during my visits to Schools.

Number of children under 1 who received Primary Courses	-	33
" " " 1 to 14 " " " "	-	22
" " " who received reinforcing doses	-	25

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION. In the early part of the year substantial amounts of vaccine were made available by the County Health Department and a substantial number of infants and school children received two doses of vaccine (American type or British if a preference was stated).

At the end of the year the scheme was extended to persons to the age of 25 years.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Four cases were notified during the year.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1958.

<u>Age Period</u>	<u>New Cases</u>		<u>Deaths.</u>	
	<u>Pul.</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>	<u>Pul.</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>
0.	0.....0		0.....0	
1.	0.....0		0.....0	
5.	0.....1		0.....0	
10.	0.....0		0.....0	
15.	0.....0		0.....0	
25.	0.....0		0.....0	
35.	0.....0		0.....0	
45.	1.....0		0.....0	
55.	1.....0		0.....0	
65.	1.....0		1.....0	
	3.....	1	1.....	0

No action was necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

There were in the register at the end of the year the following cases of Tuberculosis :-

<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
5	8	4	2

B.C.G. Inoculation.

The Secondary Modern School in Tenbury received their second annual visit for the purpose of skin-testing the 13 + years age group and inoculating with B.C.G. vaccine those showing a negative reaction.

Number invited	46
Number of acceptances	40
Number positive	4
Number negative	31

DUDLEY MASS RADIOGRAPHY UNIT visited the District in September when 663 persons were X-rayed. No inactive cases and no non-tuberculous abnormalities were found.

CONCLUSION

It is encouraging to know that the first part of the Rural Water Supply Scheme will be commencing in February next and in my opinion the Council have been wise in deciding to continue with Part II Scheme.

The Tenbury Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme is temporarily delayed whilst the Ludlow R.D.C. are preparing plans for the drainage of Burford (Salop).

I wish to thank the Chairman, members of the Council and the Staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. W. MARKHAM

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
SURVEYOR AND WATERWORKS ENGINEER.

To: The Chairman and Members of Tenbury Rural District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st December, 1958.

Water Supplies (Generally).

It now seems certain that mains supplies will now become available under Part I of the Rural Water Scheme to commence in February, 1959 in the parishes and localities of Bayton, Clows Top, Mamble, Newnham Bridge, Bickley, Knighton-on-Teme, Lindridge, Eardiston, Frith Common.

It is pleasing to know that so many doubtful sources of supply will no longer have to be used.

Regrouping of Water Undertakings. Proposals for forming a Water Board in North West Worcestershire were continued.

TENBURY WATER SUPPLY.

The town of Tenbury is supplied from the Council's mains.

The water tower at Old Wood was completed and brought into service with a marked improvement in the supply to some of the higher levels in the Town.

The Council instructed their Consulting Engineer to prepare plans for a duplicate main from the Reservoir to the Swan Hotel, Tenbury, to meet the increased demand for water in the Town.

WATER SUPPLIES - COUNCIL HOUSES.

Minor breakdowns of pumping machinery have been dealt with promptly by the Midlands Electricity Board.

EASTHAM SCHOOL AND HIGHWOOD.

The Council accepted a fixed price tender for a water scheme to cover this area after it was agreed to substitute a 4" main which will be incorporated into Part II of the Rural Water Scheme.

WATER SAMPLES.

76 samples of water were taken for examination during the year, and in cases where defective qualities were found appropriate action was taken.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

A further slight reduction in the number of pail-closets in the Town as a result of the Council rehousing persons who were residing in unfit properties and to a small number of conversions to W.C's by private landlords.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION.

Collections of house refuse are made weekly in the town of Tenbury and once every three weeks in the more rural parishes. The Council are using two tips for the refuse, one at Kyrewood and the other at Mamble.

RODENT CONTROL.

On the 1st September, 1958 the Council obtained the services of a full-time rodent operator who was previously engaged by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food. Arrangements were made for continuing contracts from the Ministry and efforts will be made to obtain new contracts.

HOUSING.

During the year no new Council houses were erected.

No Council houses were in course of erection at the end of the year.

Houses Erected During the Year.

By Local Authority	NIL
By County Council	2
By Other Bodies or Persons	10

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

(1)(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Act or Housing Acts)	52
(b) Number of inspections made for the purposes	52
(2)(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under One above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	NIL
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	NIL
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	10
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	1

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	5
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3. Action under Statutory Powers.A. Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	NIL
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
by owners	38
by local authority in default of owners	NIL

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	NIL
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices -	
by owners	NIL
by local authority in default of owners	NIL

C. Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 5;
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings accepted 3.

D. Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1957.

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made NIL
- Closing Orders NIL
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit NIL

Housing Act, 1957 (Part IV) - Overcrowding.

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of this year }
 (ii) Number of families dwelling therein } Not
 (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein } known.
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year 1.
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year NIL
 (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases NIL
 (iii) Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved NIL

HOUSING ACT, 1949 (as amended) - Improvement Grants.

- No. of Applications received during the year 7
- No. of Applications approved 7
- Application not pursued but work carried out NIL
- Abandoned NIL
- Certificates of Completion issued during the year 8

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1947.

During the year 45 Applications were dealt with.

Applications approved 39

Applications refused 6

Eighteen applications were in respect of proposed new housing, six in respect of proposed alterations and improvements to houses and twenty-one related to various proposals other than housing.

One application was not proceeded with.

BUILDING BYELAWS.

Applications submitted and dealt with	...	...	...	...	36
" approved- Housing matters	..	...	...	...	14
" refused - " "	...	...	...	...	1
" approved - Other than housing	...	...	...	...	21

SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Ice-Cream.

There are no manufacturers of Ice-Cream in the district.

Pre-packed ice-cream only is sold from the premises registered. Premises and facilities remain satisfactory.

Food Premises.

Twenty visits and inspections of registered and other food premises have been carried out during the year. A good standard of hygiene has been maintained in most premises.

Unfit Food 4 lbs. pork luncheon meat.

... 44 lbs. frozen beast kidneys.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection.

There are two slaughterhouses in operation in this District. The majority of the meat inspected at the modern slaughterhouse (Bowketts) which was brought into use last year was primarily "export meat."

NUMBER OF VISITS TO SLAUGHTERHOUSES - 386.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS.	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS.	PIGS	HORSES
Number killed (if known)	1543	173	59	7281	4833	-
Number Inspected	1515	168	59	7167	4775	-
<u>All Disease Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcass condemned	-	-	4	7	4	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	135	40	-	99	162	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	8.9	23.8	6.8	1.5	3.5	-
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>						
Whole carcass condemned	-	-	-	-	2	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	35	13	-	-	249	-
Percentage of the Number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	2.3	7.7	-	-	5.3	-
<u>CYSTICERCI ONLY</u>						
Whole carcass condemned	-	-				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	5	-				
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Cysticerci.	0.3	-				

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Five visits were made to retailers premises and general supervision maintained.

HOP-PICKERS ACCOMMODATION.

Owing to hop-picking machines being more widely used, fewer hop-pickers were imported into the District.

The condition of pickers quarters generally was fairly good.

The usual nursing facilities were provided to the hop farms in the District under arrangements made by the County Council.

OTHER SANITARY MATTERS DEALT WITH.

Appropriate action was taken in matters relating to obstructed drains, defective lavatories and sinks, defective water services etc.

Advice was given in connection with private water supplies and hop-pickers accommodation.

Number of letters sent during the year was 375.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Chairman, Members of the Council, and Staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. PARKINSON

Surveyor, Sanitary Inspector and
Waterworks Engineer.

